

Marijuana Policy Panel Meeting Minutes -Amended

Monday, June 21, 2004 - City Hall, Room 370 - 5:36-6:45 p.m.

Present: Members - *Carr, Cunningham, Holcomb, Holden, Kigvamusud'Vashti, Licata, Mochizuki, Nyrop*
Staff - *Harper, Lehocka-Howell*

Absent: Members - *Rasmussen, Satterberg, Stark*

Minutes from May 12, 2004 meeting were approved as amended.

Review of City report

Carr presented city report.

From January 2004 through June 2004, 36 marijuana related cases were referred. Twenty-two (22) of those cases were dropped and 14 were charged. In comparison, a total of 144 marijuana related cases were charged in 2003. Filing standards are the same as last year, the drop seems to be coming from SPD.

Carr will try to collect the following information for the next MPP meeting:

- Any information that can be provided for the 22 cases that were not filed.
- Dates of referrals and charges for the 14 individuals that were charged.
- All legally accessible case numbers for the 14 individuals that were charged.
- Meaning of 'yes' in the booked category as used on the City report.

Finally, a reference number will be added to each individual on the City report to make the data easier to work with. He will make the case files available for review by the panel.

Holcomb will pull out and collect all the cases for which case numbers are available (out of the 14 charged cases).

Review of County report

The KCPO forwarded a total of nine (9) felony cases that involved marijuana in some capacity. These were the currently available cases from April & May 2004. One June 2004 case may have been included. It is believed that there are very likely more cases from April and May that have not yet been processed by the KCPO, and may be available to the committee at a later time. In 2003, about 3500 cases (felony narcotics cases) were forwarded to the KCPO with most not being marijuana related. *Mochizuki* estimated that his office has forwarded about the same number of cases as they did last year by this time. *Mochizuki* also noted that the process of forwarding necessary information to the KCPO is being coordinated between the two offices.

Holcomb will review the nine (9) County cases and circulate the review to the members of the Panel.

Public comment period

Q: Can city attorney and county prosecutor give aggregate dispositions from several years back?

A: City attorney provided that information at the 1st meeting & is in binders. Public can access this information.

Analysis of current reporting criteria effectiveness

Cunningham, Holcomb, and Holden requested additional types of reports. They emphasized the need to research other, non-fiscal, data in the areas of public safety, public administration, and public health.

Nyrop will supply the panel with emergency room and epidemiology reports.

The full panel will reconvene Monday, September 20, 2004 in City Hall Room 370 from 5:30-7 p.m.